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ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Minutes of the Meeting Held on 24 April 1958 in  
Room 1121 M Building, Central Intelligence Agency

Meeting convened at 1000 hours.

There were present:

	Mr. Earl Coxe	Army, Chairman
	Mr. Lawrence E. Brice, Jr.	Navy
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	LCDR Richard D. Faubion	Navy
	Mr. William Farrell	Army
	Mr. Lawrence Hart	Air Force
	Mr. John Hoyt	Executive Secretary, EIC
	(present for part of meeting only)	
	Capt. Donald H. Lanier	JCS
	Mr. Frank McCaffrey	Defense
	Lt. Col. Lowell G. Moore	Army
	Mr. Clyde Perry	Army
	Dr. Gustav Pollaczek	State
	Mr. Harold Smith	Army
25X1A9a	[REDACTED]	CIA
	[REDACTED]	CIA
25X1A9a	Col. H. H. Yokes	Navy
	[REDACTED]	CIA, Secretary

Report of the Chairman

25X1A9a      1. Information: Mr. Coxe announced that [REDACTED] 25X1A9a  
[REDACTED] OBI, CIA, had indicated to him a desire and willingness to attend Subcommittee meetings when NIS matters are discussed. Mr. Coxe announced further that Major Richard Haley, who briefed the Subcommittee on logistic problems associated with guided missile programs at the previous meeting, had issued an invitation to Subcommittee members through Mr. Coxe to visit him and discuss with him problems associated with the guided missile programs. Mr. Coxe reported further that Mr. Brice has requested ONI personnel responsible for Section 36 of the NIS to work with CIA, OBI, in an attempt

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to indicate the classification of tabulated data contained in this section of the NIS as suggested by Dr. Pollaczek at a recent meeting of the Subcommittee.

#### Report of the Secretary

2. Information: The Secretary read a letter of commendation sent by Dr. Otto Guthe, Chairman of the EIC, to Dr. Herbert Ashton, a former member of the Subcommittee who retired recently from service with the Department of Commerce.

#### Report of the Chairman of the Working Group on Highway Capability

3. Information: Mr. Perry, Chairman of the Highway Working Group, reported that the study prepared by his group is now in final editing and typing and that it will probably be available for consideration at the next meeting of the Subcommittee.

#### Report of the Chairman of the Transportation Capabilities Estimates Group

4. Information: Mr. Farrell, Chairman of this group, reported that the study on the Capability of the Trans-Siberian Railroad has now been published and disseminated. The group is continuing to work on the so-called WSEG study, and the railroad portion of it is nearing completion. He stated that within the next few weeks he will seek out various members of the Subcommittee and discuss various problems associated with the completion of the study.

#### Report on the Working Program of the Subcommittee on Transportation

5. Information: Mr. Cox invited the membership of the Subcommittee to propose items for the agenda for the meetings of the Subcommittee and suggested that the Subcommittee might do more in the way of reviewing substantive papers prepared by the member agencies, agreeing on certain statistical data and identifying research deficiencies. He also suggested that it would be desirable for the various members to obtain a better understanding of the research programs underway in the various agencies. The Secretary proposed that at the next meeting the various members come prepared to outline their proposed research program for FY 59 and to indicate how they believe these programs will serve to eliminate research deficiencies. All members of the group appeared to feel that this proposal had merit although the Navy member indicated that the ONI proposed research program would probably not be of general interest.

6. Action: It was agreed that the various members of the Subcommittee would outline proposed research programs for FY 59 including the NIS program at the next meeting and that they would also indicate what research deficiencies these programs would serve to eliminate.

Discussion of the Status of Exchange Visits with the USSR in the Field of Transportation

7. Information: The Secretary indicated that he had nothing further to report on this subject from the standpoint of the US-USSR exchange but

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This briefing appeared to be excellent for this purpose and advanced many points that we would wish to include in briefing a US delegation established for the purpose of examining USSR railroads.

Discussion of NIS Program in the Field of Transportation

8. Information: Mr. Coxe reported that the proposal to revise Chapter I of the NIS on Sino-Soviet Bloc countries each year was receiving serious consideration. The chief problem in implementing such a proposal would be the magnitude of the effort required to implement it. He pointed out further that, although basic intelligence did not change too much from year to year, there would be current developments in the field of transport that would be very desirable to report.

Discussion of Two Papers in the Field of Shipping Intelligence

9. Information: Colonel H. H. Yokes, ONI, briefed the Subcommittee on his recent study dealing with specifications and capabilities of the USSR merchant fleet. Dr. Pollaczek briefed the Subcommittee on his recent study dealing with traffic and operation of the Suez Canal under Egyptian administration. The briefing of these papers stimulated questions and discussion.

10. Action: The Subcommittee thanked Colonel Yokes and Dr. Pollaczek and agreed that discussion of various substantive papers in committee was beneficial. Attempts to continue this program should be made for future meetings.

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